

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-26 are pending in this application. Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action dated September 25, 2006, claims 1-26 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of nonstatutory double patenting over:

Claims 1-11 of U.S. Patent No. 6,005,926;

Claims 1-66 of U.S. Patent No. 6,912,277;

Claims 1-154 of U.S. Patent No. 6,144,727; and

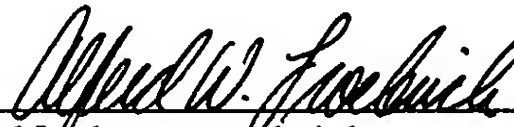
Claims 1-40 of U.S. Patent No. 6,226,365.

A terminal disclaimer is filed concurrently herewith for the above-referenced patents to overcome the above rejection based on nonstatutory double patenting. Since there are no further rejections, the application is now deemed to be in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is solicited.

It is believed that no fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application. However, if any fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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